



Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Station #17,
State House,
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(Via E-mail)

Attn: Commissioner Dawn R. Gallagher

Dear: Commissioner Gallagher:

Attached please find Fraser Papers Berlin- Gorham Operations response to the request for cost information made at the Gulf Island Pond Stakeholders meeting. Both capital and operating costs associated with the various modeling scenarios are shown on the excel spreadsheet also attached to this e-mail.

The capital and operating & maintenance costs associated with installation and operation of the GIPOP bubblers were submitted separately by the partnership. The costs associated with phosphorous reductions are attached on a separate document produced by Woodard and Curran produced for the three Androscoggin mills

As I stated in my previous correspondence we have very little data on the effluent since the April 19,2003 start up of the pulp mill in its new configuration. However our limited data to date indicates that we are operating at or very near our licensed monthly average BOD limit.

With respect to BOD and TSS reductions capital and operating cost figures are based on our recently installed secondary treatment plant at Madawaska Maine facility which will be applied to our Gorham New Hampshire Paper mill. Fraser would however have to carry out a much more in depth study to determine the most logical

and economical approach to reduced discharges, should that be the final outcome of the UAA study.

We look forward to working with the stakeholder group to find a resolution to the issues surrounding Gulf Island Pond that both protect the environmental integrity of the river and allow for sustainable development in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Should require further information please contact me.

Yours truly
Fraser Papers Inc.
Berlin Gorham Operations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bishop". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and a cursive "Bishop".

David L. Bishop
Manager, Technical,
Environment & Quality

Cc: William Igoe
Kelly Webster